B.l.i.s.s. : “The proper mentality of a disciple should be to think that whatever Srila Prabhupada left behind; his manuscripts, dictations or even books edited by his early disciples, are perfect and complete, but simultaneously give us an opportunity to render some service to him in editing out the mistakes and changes to his words. Otherwise, faulty reasoning could lead to the misguided conclusion that since Srila Prabhupada is perfect and thus does not require any help, we don't have to do any service whatsoever.”

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"Even if transcendental literature is written in faulty language, it is acceptable if it is written by a devotee, whereas so-called transcendental literature written by a mundane scholar, even if it is a very highly polished literary presentation, cannot be accepted. The secret in a devotee’s writing is that when he writes about the pastimes of the Lord, the Lord helps him; he does not write alone. As stated in the Bhagavad-gita (10.10), dadami buddhi-yogam tam yena mam upayanti te. Since a devotee writes in service to the Lord, the Lord from within gives him so much intelligence that he sits down near the Lord and goes on writing books."
(Caitanya-caritamrta Adi-Lila 8.39)

To further elaborate on this, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati writes in his essay called "Thakur Bhaktivinoda":

"The identical verses of the Scriptures may be recited by the devotee and the non-devotee, may be apparently misquoted by the non-devotee but the corresponding values of the two processes remain always categorically different. The devotee is right even when he apparently misquotes, the non-devotee is wrong even when he quotes correctly the very words, chapter and verse of the Scriptures." You have brought up a good point SPEAKING OF KIRTAN. How can we have a bonifide kirtan if we do not have proper Sravanam?"

“**Prabhupāda:** So we want to be cheated. That is . . . cheating process is one of the item of conditional life. There are four defects of conditional life. One defect is that we commit mistake, and another defect is that we accept something which is not that. Just like commit mistake, that is not to be very difficult to understand. Every one of us know how we commit mistake, blunder. Even great men, they also commit blunder, you see. Just like there

are so many instances amongst the politician, a little mistake or a blunder, great blunder . . . so mistake, "To err is human," mistake is there.

Similarly, accepting something as fact which is not fact. How it is? Just like everyone in the conditioned life, they think that, "This body is my self." But I'm not this. I'm not this body. So this is called illusion, *pramāda*. The best example is to accept a rope as a snake. Suppose in the darkness there is a rope like this, and you are . . . "Oh, here is a snake." This is the best example of illusion—accepting something which is not that. So this defect is there in conditioned life. And to make error and mistake, that defect is there.

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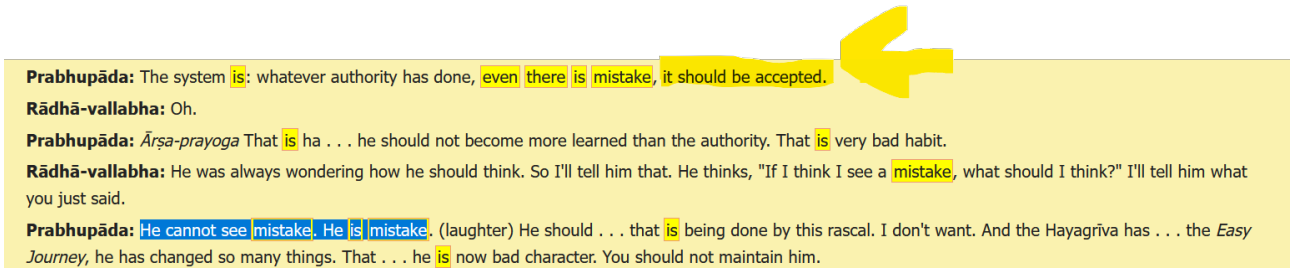
"The defect is, ordinary person will commit mistake, will be illusioned, his senses are imperfect and he has the tendency to cheat. This is ordinary living being. And those who are followers of Kṛṣṇa or Kṛṣṇa Himself, they have no such defect. "--- https://vanisource.org/wiki/760422_-_Lecture_BG_09.04_-_Melbourne?hl=mistake|defect

"One who has no faith in the spiritual master, who is identical with Śrī Kṛṣṇa, cannot get any benefit from reading *śāstra*. One should never consider the spiritual master an ordinary human being, even though the members of the spiritual master's family may think of him as such. "--- sb/7/15/15_summary

"**Serving the Spiritual Master with Faith and Confidence**

Regarding accepting initiation from the spiritual master, in the Eleventh Canto of *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, Seventeenth Chapter, verse 27, it is stated by Lord Kṛṣṇa, "My dear Uddhava, the spiritual master must be accepted not only as My representative, but as My very self. He must never be considered on the same level with an ordinary human being. One should never be envious of the spiritual master, as one may be envious of an ordinary man. The spiritual master should always be seen as the representative of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and by serving the spiritual master one is able to serve all the demigods." "--- Nectar of Devotion verse chapter 7



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